

Milwaukee County

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COUNTY BOARD APPROVES THREE RESOLUTIONS AUTHORED BY SUP. BIDDLE

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors gave the green light to three resolutions authored by Milwaukee County Supervisor Eyon Biddle Sr. on Thursday.

The resolution to "ban the box" on Milwaukee County job applications was approved unanimously. "Ban the box" legislation enables job seekers with criminal pasts to clear the first barrier to employment and demonstrate their skills, abilities and evidence of rehabilitation to prospective employers.

"This legislation is a huge victory and an important first step in preventing recidivism and encouraging reforms to hiring practices. I encourage both private and public sector employers to follow suit and allow people who may have made past mistakes a better opportunity to obtain gainful employment," Supervisor Biddle said.

The Board also voted to support a change in State law in the reporting of expungements to the public from the Department of Justice's Crime Information Bureau.

The third resolution adopted by the Board established a Milwaukee County Youth Task Force, comprised of young people and adult leaders from the community, to develop recommendations on how to enhance the quality of life for youth in Milwaukee County. The Task Force is set to convene in January and will meet monthly to discuss a wide variety of topics including:

- Youth violence prevention
- Parks and recreation activities
- Youth Sports Authority
- Public transit
- Children's court programming and youth services
- The creation of a youth county government program
- County sponsored youth employment opportunities

Recommendations from the Task Force will be presented to the County Board for possible implementation.

"You can say this was a good day for me, but I say this was a good day for Milwaukee County. I'd like to thank my colleagues for their leadership in embracing these initiatives," Supervisor Biddle added.